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NEW YORK HOSTS THE NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL

ANNCR: FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD, THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 2ND, NEW YORK CITY WILL HOST THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL. WITH DETAILS OF THE WEEK-LONG EVENT, HERE IS ----------.

VOICE: TO BE ACCURATE, WE HAVE TO QUALIFY THE OPENING STATEMENT. THE CITY OF NEW YORK WILL BE THE FOCAL POINT OF THIS ANNUAL EVENT, BUT IT WILL NOT BE THE SOLE PURVEYOR OF ALL THAT NEWPORT JAZZ. STANHOPE, NEW JERSEY, WILL HOST A TWILIGHT JAZZ CONCERT ON THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY, (JUNE 24TH) AS WELL AS A TEN HOUR CONCERT STARTING AT NOON ON SUNDAY. (JUNE 25TH).

ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND, ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 1ST AND 2ND, THE SARATOGA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, WILL HOST A TWELVE HOUR CONCERT EACH DAY. AS A TOPPER FOR THE NEW PORT JAZZ FESTIVAL, THERE WILL BE A CONCERT ABOARD THE STATEN ISLAND FERRY.

THE MAJORITY OF THE CONCERTS IN NEW YORK WILL EMANATE FROM CARNEGIE HALL AND THE AVERY FISHER HALL, HOWEVER FAMED ROSELAND BALLROOM WILL BE THE SCENE OF JOLLIFICATION WITH THE FAMED COUNT BASIE AND HIS ORCHESTRA PLAYING FOR THE DANCERS. IN ADDITION TO THESE EVENTS, THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF FREE JAZZ CONCERTS IN PARKS AND PLAZAS THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

THIS WILL REALLY BE A WEEK OF JAZZ... IN NEW YORK. THERE WILL BE AGELESS PIANIST-COMPOSER EUBIE BLAKE AS WELL AS THE NEW ORLEANS PRESERVATION JAZZ BAND OFFERING TRADITIONAL JAZZ. THERE WILL BE JAZZ VOCALISTS HEADED BY ELLA FITZGERALD,

VOICE: (CONT'D) SARAH VAUGHAN AND MEL TORME. THERE WILL BE SMALL JAZZ ENSEMBLES... THE DAVE BRUBECK FOUR AND THE JERRY MULLIGAN FIVE. THERE WILL BE THE SOUNDS OF THE BIG BANDS... STAN KENTON, WOODY HERMAN AND MAYNARD FERGUSON. THERE WILL BE AN AVANT-GARDE CONTINGENT LED BY SONNY ROLLINS, ORNETTE COLEMAN AND CECIL TAYLOR. THERE WILL BE MUSIC... JAZZ MUSIC... WITH VARIATIONS TO SATISFY EVERYONE.

VERILY, AS THE JAZZMEN SAY, EVEN TO THIS DAY, FOR THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, NEW YORK WILL TRULY BE "FUN CITY."

(NOTE TO EDITORS: NCA WILL COVER THE FESTIVAL WITH DAILY SCRIPTS AND MUSIC STARTING TUESDAY, JUNE 27.)

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